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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Tepper et al.

Serial No. 09/614,669

Confirmation No. 2159

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Examiner: D.A. Saunders

Title: METHOD TO ENHANCE AND/OR PROLONG THE EFFECTS OF A PRIMARY CHALLENGE TO A RESPONSIVE SYSTEM WITH A SECONDARY CHALLENGE

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION DATED OCTOBER 22, 2002**

The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated October 22, 2002, Applicants hereby submit the following.

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the claims**

Please amend the following claims:

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1. (Twice Amended) A method of enhancing and/or prolonging the response of a primary challenge to a responsive system comprising the steps of:
    - a) subjecting a test site, as defined herein, of the responsive system to the primary challenge;
    - b) subjecting the test site to a secondary challenge, wherein the secondary challenge differs from the primary challenge and wherein the secondary challenge is designed to enhance, and/or prolong a response of the responsive system to the primary challenge; and